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FM AMEMBASSY DACCA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 770

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMCONSUL CALCUTTA

AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

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TAGS: OREP (BELLMON, HENRY)

SUBJ: VISIT OF SENATOR BELLMON

REF: STATE 121706

1. WE SUGGEST FOLLOWING PROGRAM FOR SENATOR BELLMON'S JUNE 4/5
VISIT TO BANGLADESH:

DATE/TIME	EVENT
JUNE 4 1030/1100	SENATOR BELLMON MET AT BENAPOLE AT BORDER BY ECON COUNSELOR AND USAID MISSION VOD FOR WORK OFFICER. (NOTE FOR CALCUTTA: WE SUGGEST CHANGING VEHICLES TO AVOID AUTHORIZ A- TION PROCESS.) DRIVE TO JESSORE (30/35 MILE S) WILL PERMIT VISITS TO ONE OR LOCAL FOOD I SUPPLY DEPOTS AND A FOOD FOR WORK/CARE PRO- JECT. THIS PROJECT, NOT FAR FROM MAIN ROAD, IS A MILE-LONG EMBANKMENT TO PROTECT 1,000 ACRES OF LAND FROM SEASONAL FLOODING. JUNE 4 1500 FLY TO DACCA ON BG-468 JUNE 4 1550 ARRIVE DACCA. AMBASSADOR INVITES SENATOR BELLMON TO STAY AT RESIDENCE.

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JUNE 4 PM SEE PARA 2 BELOW.

JUNE 4 2000 STAG DINNER BY AMBASSADOR WITH KEY EMBASSY-
AID OFFICIALS AND SENIOR BANGLADESH
OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH POPULATION, FOOD
PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION, AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT.

JUNE 5 0830 APPOINTMENT WITH FOOD SECRETARY, ACCOMPANIE
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MR AMBASSASOR AND AID DIRECTOR.

JUNE 5 1000 DEPART FOR CALCUTTA ON BG-491

2. THERE WILL BE SOME TIME ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON FOLLOWING SENATOR
BELLMON'S ARRIVAL AT DACCA AND WE SEE THREE USEFUL ALTERNATIVES
FOR THE SENATOR'S CONSIDERATION. FIRST, A CALL ON A BANGLADESH

OFFICIAL CONCERNED WITH POPULATION (GOVERNMENT OFFICES WILL BE
CLOSED ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON IN MUSLIM BANGLADESH, BUT WE ARE CON-
FIDENT WE COULD ARRANGE MEETING IN VIEW IMPORTANCE THIS VISIT);
SECOND, A VISIT TO A RELOCATION CAMP FOR DESTITUTE BANGLADESHIS
WHERE RELIEF FOOD IS BEING DISTRIBUTED; OR THIRD,
AN EMBASSY-AID BRIEFING TO SUPPLEMENT WHAT SENATOR WILL ALREADY
HAVE RECEIVED FROM OFFICIALS MEETING HIM AT BENAPOLE. WHICH
WOULD SENATOR PREFER?

3. WOULD SENATOR LIKE ANY PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE, EITHER IN
JESSORE AREA OR AT POSSIBLE VISIT TO REFUGEE CAMP?

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